

# MANY BIG CATCHES MADE DURING WEEK BY 'HOOK' AND LINE ENTHUSIASTS

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Hard Heads, Sea Trout, White Perch and Spots In Abundance.

USE BLOOD WORMS Shallow Waters Near Cabin John Bridge Offer Chance For Sport.

By DICK PEED.  
The prospects for fishing are about the same as they were a week ago. Salt water has furnished nearly all the sport. While some parties have failed to find the fish, there has been many big catches made that have covered nearly all the grounds adjacent to Washington. The fish are mostly hard heads, frequently known as croakers, but there has also been quite a few sea trout, rockfish, white perch and spots in the catches. Fishing boats are to be had reasonable at most places, the prices being set at \$1.50 each person for five or more, and in some cases the boatmen will furnish bait in limited quantities.

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along with any kind of blood-worms being the cheapest and are bait that most all salt-water fish will take readily. Small rockfish are being caught in the local waters and the big fellows are expected on every incoming tide. The water up-river is muddy but probably not so thick as to interfere with rock fishing, and gives promise of clearing soon. If you must fish the Potomac take bait suitable for the Mississippi catfish and fish the shallow waters around Cabin John Bridge, in which you will have a good chance for a day's sport.

George Taggart, Elmer J. Schroth, "Chat" Towers and Frank Ellis motored to the country home of Tony Schroth at Rivers Springs for a week-end on the water. The party returned Sunday evening with all the fish they could carry. Mr. Schroth reports soft crabs very plentiful and selling as low as 50 cents a dozen.

A contemporary erred recently in giving the boundaries of the District government. Instead of straight lines from Gravelly Point to Oxen Run the District jurisdiction covers all coves and indentations at high tide. At least this construction was placed on the law by the local court in convicting a Virginia violator who persisted in using trap nets along the Virginia shore.

Edward B. Donaldson, Harry White, George Tolson and James T. Elliott went to Rock Point Wednesday morning for a day on the water. They made a big catch, every fish being a hard head.

Harry Remsburg caught a big

basket of fish at Benedict the early part of the week. No doubt you have often heard the expression "Easy as shooting fish." Well, they are doing it in the shallow waters of Little River, behind Annapolis Island, and the ease is proven by the big kills being made with rifles and spears. The fish are carp and are very plentiful, single boats returning with catches of thirty or forty fish weighing from five to twenty-five pounds each.

In the Tidal Basin, right under the noses of the Potomac Park guards, there are hundreds of violations of the game-fish laws almost every day. Men and boys, blacks and whites, are to be seen daily violating the law without any apparent fear of the park police. One boy hauled in thirty-five croakers Tuesday afternoon and went home with his plunder in plain sight of two or three millions of the law, who either didn't know it was unlawful or else they didn't care.

If you contemplate fishing in the Potomac when the bass season opens, better get a license. The State of Maryland requires license and a special county permit, which costs \$5. Additional license is necessary in every county, bordering the big river from the mouth of Monocacy on up to the Pennsylvania State line. These county licenses appear to the writer to be a sort of a gouge, but it is law, with an odd-on bet that you will be pinched if you are a non-resident and look like you have money.

Howard Nipel seems to like nine-pound fish. Mention was made last week of his taking a fish of this weight near the Chain Bridge. Just a week later he hooked and landed another of the same weight to an ounce at Great Falls.

Jacob Krone-caught a nice basket of fish from the pier at Chesapeake Beach Sunday night, and in his hurry to catch the train abandoned a reel and line; for the return of the same he would be grateful.

Eugene Heard and Lew Barron are diligently watching for the appearance of the big rock fish at the Chain Bridge. The pair had success with smaller ones on two of three occasions, but the biggest one they have taken weighed two and one-half pounds.

Lee Baumgarten, the stamp manufacturer, accompanied by Ike Goodman, of Sacks and Company, and Jake Kahn, the jeweler, have returned from a fishing trip and made perhaps the largest catch and a greater variety than that of any of our local anglers this season. They fished off the Eastern Shore at Wachapreague and caught their first day out 150 trout, hard heads and other fishes were returned to the water. The remarkable catch of a trout weighing fifteen pounds was made by Mr. Baumgarten, in which he showed much skill in landing. Squids were about the only bait used. All are true sportsmen and bass fishermen impatiently waiting for the season to open.

The first fatality of the season among Washington anglers occurred in the Patuxent River at Benedict, Md., last Sunday. Nicholas Carstans, said to have been an expert swimmer, went overboard after a lost oar. The swift-running tide carried the boat away and the unfortunate man was drowned before friends nearby could reach him.

The good results of the enforcement of the Maryland law against dredging crabs is evident at all the salt-water fishing grounds. These splendid shellfish are quite plentiful now and their reappearance is attributed solely to the fact that the dredgers are not operating during the spawning and winter quarters of the succulent crab.

Harry Fymont and Robert Susan made a catch of 102 hardheads from the drawbridge at South River last Saturday night. Most of the fish were large ones, weighing in the aggregate more than 200 pounds.

Emil Haar has purchased from Charles G. Simons the outboard motorboat Opsey and will locate the new craft at Aquia Creek for the season.

Billy Howland caught three big pike in the South River near Annapolis Tuesday afternoon.

Hugo Fritz has built for himself a small launch, equipped with a built-outboard motor and will send the little craft to Aquia Creek, his favorite fishing grounds.

The Potomac Anglers' Club will show two pictures, salmon fishing in Alaska and salvaging fish from the overflows of the Mississippi, at the Sylvan Theater, south of the Monument grounds, next Thursday night. The reels are government productions and are well worth seeing. Along with the pictures will be good music and an interesting lecture.

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## WHERE TO GO TODAY

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**FISHING.**  
Benedict, Rock Point, Chesapeake Beach and the Upper Potomac.

**TENNIS.**  
Municipal Courts and playground courts, country clubs.

**GOLF.**  
Municipal course, country clubs.

**HORSEBACK RIDING.**  
Bridlepaths in Rock Creek and Potomac parks.

**PICNICKING.**  
Rock Creek Park.

**CANOEING.**  
Upper Potomac River.

## INVITATION TENNIS TOURNEY PLANNED

Wardman Park Inn to Hold First Contest on May 30.

Wardman Park Inn plans to inaugurate its first annual invitation tennis tournament on the hotel courts Memorial Day, May 30. The list of invitations includes the leading players of the District. Play will be for singles only. The winner will be presented with a large silver cup and a suitable trophy will be given to the runner-up. Details of the tournament are in charge of A. C. White, of Dumbarton, and H. R. Quinter, of the hotel.

Invitations have been sent out to the following:  
A. P. Yencen, C. M. Charest, Dwight Davis, Ballard Moore, Dudley Morgan, T. J. Mangan, Arthur Hellen, L. W. Bates, H. H. Foote, A. J. Gore, J. T. Graves, Jr., Col. Waite C. Johnston, Spencer Gordon, A. O. White, J. A. Purington, J. N. Ballinger, R. S. Burwell, H. H. Burgwin, Samuel Herrick, Hugh Miller, Edward Dowd, Owen H. Weinstein, Cecil Dowd, S. J. McCathern, Stelford Stelford, Benjamin P. Price, William Bainger, Stanley Carr, L. A. Cox, Maj. J. D. Elliott, C. Stanley Thompson and Miller Glesking.

At a marriage ceremony in Japan a dress of purple color is taken. Just the mutual love of the bride and groom be soon lost, as purple is a color most liable to fade.

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## AQUATIC SEASON OPENS TOMORROW

Washington Canoe Club to Stage Regatta of Eleven Events.

A closed regatta, the first aquatic event of the season, will be held by the Washington Canoe Club on the Potomac tomorrow afternoon. The program, as arranged by Commodore "Kelly" Barde, has eleven events and should result in some interesting competition. The regatta will be held over the short course, with the starting-point just below the Three Sisters Island and fishing in front of the clubhouse. Several "trick" races will furnish amusement for the big crowd expected to line the course. A number of new men who have been training under the guidance of Vice Commodore Harry Knight will be seen for the first time in active competition.

The following events will be held: Pick up fours, tail end; junior singles; beginner singles; senior singles; junior doubles; pick up doubles; senior doubles; beginner doubles; tilt and upset race.

## YACHT CLUB PLANS FOUR-DAY CRUISE

The Corinthian Yacht Club will open the season with a four-day cruise extending over May 30. Rear Commodore F. M. Williams is chairman of the regatta committee.

The fleet, in command of Commodore Edward O. Reed, will leave the club anchorage Saturday afternoon, May 27; boats leaving later will rendezvous in Gunston Cove on the morning of the 28th, anchoring off the famous Hadden Hall. Handsome trophies will be presented to the winners in the following events: Bang and go back race, single and double dinghy race, outboard motor race, and swimming contest.

The club also plans to use Colonial Beach as headquarters for a cruise over the Fourth of July.

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## UNION OF OUTDOOR SOCIETIES PLANNED

National Organization Regarded as Important Step For Appreciative Work.

Plans for a national organization of all outdoor associations are under way throughout the country. There are hundreds of organizations in the United States interested in some phase of outdoor life. There is the Wild Flower Preservation Society, the Bison Club, the Save the Redwood League, reptile study societies, mountain-climbing organizations, walking clubs, the Audubon Society, the American Forestry Guides, Boy Scouts, fish and game organizations and tree planting clubs. These organizations are all interested in phases of the one big thing—the great out-of-doors.

Showing the importance of a national organization of this kind, the American Forestry Association calls attention to the fact that 10,000 vacation days were spent in the National forests last year. Four million tourists were counted and they spent on an average of two and one-half days in the nation's playgrounds. But, the association adds, not one cent of Federal money has ever been spent by Congress to make sanitation provisions, fireplaces, garbage pits or anything else so badly needed. Secretary Fair calls the recreation opportunities in this country one of its greatest assets. Increased use of automobiles has resulted in thousands upon thousands of people spending their summers in them. All these, the association points out, unorganized as they are, should be united in one organization, with the existing clubs in order that all could work together for the common good.

## LOCAL CANOEISTS SEEK MORE ENTRIES

The Montgomery Sycamore Island Club has extended an invitation to the Interclub Canoe Association to hold its annual regatta at Sycamore Island on Decoration Day, May 30. These regattas have been held at Sycamore Island for many years and the participants are drawn from all the clubs on the river. The officials intend to make the events this year especially interesting by having an upset race and a tail-end race. The regatta will be open to the public on May 30 and a large attendance is expected.

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Prepared Booklet Tells "Where to Go in Our National Forests."

Vacation time is here! The smudgy buds on the street trees, the birds, in spite of their grimy dress, rolled by the smoke of the city, tell of it—it is in the air. The technical diagnostician might say that these are spring fever symptoms, but all know that it is the call to the open places beginning to exert itself and that it will culminate in a trip into the hills, along a tree bordered stream, or in automobile over the broad highways. Mother Nature calls to her truant child, man, writes Arthur H. Carhart in the American Forestry Magazine. The shadowland, where tall, arched trees let little darts of sunshine through to dapple the forest floor, is a part of our being. Stone walls, steel girders, or tile roofs are not. The rushing babble of the brook where it surges over stony stream-beds, the swish of the truant breeze through the bushes and grasses, the smothering roar of the thunder god are our true mother's tongue. We must heed it. We return to nature to get inspiration, better health and relief from all of the ills that our artificial surroundings breed. Right now many are looking for ward to a vacation time in the open. Those who are not doing this, their own volition are subconsciously dreaming of places where the clean wind rushes over spacious prairies, or where it playfully tosses pine boughs and roars through deep canyons. To all comes the question of where to go. Do you seek a camp in the wilds

reached by back trip, or is it a picnic in woody glen you will prefer? Are you already sniffing the smell of the crisp bacon as it sizzles over the fire in the smoky tent? Does the smell of "coffee in the woods" at dawn, carried on the breeze that fans your cheek come to your nostrils as you sit at your desk, or in your den? Does the tug of an imaginary trout make your hand suddenly grip the penholder and your eyes get filmy in retrospection of some fight with a game old rainbow or mahoganey?

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